

Statement of Substance of Interview

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Kardos and his supervisor for conducting a telephone interview with Applicant's attorneys, Dale G. Mohlenhoff and Robert G. Hartman, on August 27, 2008.

During the interview, Applicant's attorneys presented arguments to overcome the non-statutory subject matter rejections and presented arguments distinguishing Applicant's claims from the cited references. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections, and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant's attorneys also proposed possible amendments.

Applicant's attorneys understood the Examiners to tentatively agree that the claims, amended as discussed during the interview to highlight aspects of the claims, may distinguish over the references of record. The Examiners also indicated that the amendments would require further research of the cited references and an updated search. Applicant herein amends independent claims 11 and 16 to highlight the noted features as discussed during the interview. No claims are canceled. New claim 23 is added. Accordingly, claims 11-13 and 16-23 are believed to be allowable over the cited documents.